

## **2002 Annual Report Executive Summary**

### **McDowell County Enterprise Community**

#### **A CHALLENGE; A VISION; A LEGACY**

The McDowell County Action Network celebrated its 8th Anniversary this year. McCAN was incorporated in 1994, as a precursor to Enterprise Community designation, with an initial \$2.95 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture and funding from several other sources. Its original mandate, which holds true to this day, was to resurrect McDowell County to its highest economic and social potential. Today, as the most diverse, independent, private, non-profit economic development agency in Southern West Virginia, McCAN continues to implement this philosophy of self-help through a decentralized, neighborhood-based structure and a process that provides innovative, practical and timely programs and services which emphasize physical and human infrastructure development at all levels and develop problem-solving skills for people and neighborhoods. From public transportation to flood recovery efforts to housing initiatives, the activities described in this report are reflective of the opportunities for McDowell Countians to improve their lives, creating a significant return on investment for funding sources and society.